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In re application of:

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For: IMAGE INTERPOLATING METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows. A copy of the marked-up specification is attached showing the changes as set forth in amended 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

Page 37, please replace the paragraph starting at line 17 with the following paragraph:

-- The foregoing equation (21) can be changed, as expressed by the following equations (23), from the relationship between the correlation value L and the pixel data x shown in Fig. 4.

$$L = xd + 2(x - x_{\max}) \quad (x > x_{\max})$$

$$L = xd \quad (x_{\min} \leq x \leq x_{\max})$$

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